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In the Claims

1-4. (canceled)

5. (currently amended) An electrical outlet comprising:

a) [[a]] an electrical receptacle having a face plate, said receptacle being transparent or translucent;

b) a lighting element wholly embedded within said receptacle so that light from said lighting element when energized is visible through a front face of said receptacle to outside of said receptacle;

c) means for detecting a level of illumination surrounding said electrical outlet; and

d) means for illuminating said lighting element upon determining the detected level of illumination is below a predetermined value thereby aiding in locating said electrical outlet in a room illuminated below a predetermined level.

6. (original) The electrical outlet as recited in claim 5, wherein said means for illuminating said lighting element is a light sensor.

7. (previously presented) The electrical outlet as recited in claim 6, wherein said light element is embedded behind said front face of said receptacle between electrical sockets in said front face.

8. (previously presented) The electrical outlet as recited in claim 6, wherein said light element is embedded in said front face of said receptacle along a perimeter of said receptacle face.

9-15. (canceled)

16. (previously presented) An electrical outlet comprising:

a) a receptacle having a face plate, said receptacle being transparent or translucent;

b) a first lighting element producing a first color when energized embedded within said receptacle so that light from said first lighting element when

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energized is visible through a front face of said receptacle to outside of said receptacle, said first lighting element extending along a periphery of a front face of said receptacle;

c) a second lighting element producing a second color different from said first color when energized embedded within said receptacle so that light from said second lighting element when energized is visible through a front face of said receptacle to outside of said receptacle, said second lighting element extending along the periphery of said front face of said receptacle adjacent said first lighting element;

d) a sensor for sensing electrical load in a circuit in which said receptacle is located;

g) means for comparing a sensed load value with a threshold value; and

h) a microprocessor connected to said load comparing means, wherein, upon said load comparing means detecting said load value is less than said threshold value, said microprocessor directs a switch to contact a first lead extending from said first lighting element for illumination thereof and, upon said load comparing means detecting said load value is greater than said threshold value, said microprocessor directs said switch to contact a second lead extending from said second lighting element for illumination thereof thereby indicating by color when said threshold value is exceeded.